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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON PRESIDENT GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
REF: BUCHAREST 8695

1. SUMMARY. GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT NICOLAE GIOSAN, DURING AMBASSADOR'S 45 MINUTE COURTESY CALL, NOVEMBER 30, STRESSED GOR'S DESIRE FOR CONTINUING CONTACTS WITH U.S. LEGISLATORS. END SUMMARY.
2. GNA PRESIDENT GIOSAN ASSURED AMBASSADOR OF HIS SUPPORT IN EFFORTS TO ADVANCE MUTUAL US-ROMANIAN GOALS IN COMMERCIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. HE FELT PROGRESS SO FAR WAS GOOD BUT AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR THAT MORE COULD BE DONE IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL FIELD. AGRICULTURAL EXCHANGES, HE SAID, HAD ALREADY PROVED HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AS VISITING U.S. EXPERTS HAD CONFIRMED RECENTLY.
3. GIOSAN SAID HE WILL AWARE OF IMPORTANT ROLE NATIONAL ASSEMBLIES OF U.S. AND ROMANIA HAD PLAYED IN IMPROVING BILATERAL RELATIONS IN LAST DECADE. IN THREE VISITS TO U.S. IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES OVER SOME 20 YEARS HE HAD SEEN MARKED GAINS IN OUR RELATIONS. THEY WERE NEVER BETTER THAN TODAY AND AMBASSADOR COULD COUNT ON HIS SUPPORT IN EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THEM WITHIN CONTEXT OF PRINCIPLES OF RESPECT FOR INDEPENDENCE, NON-INTERFERENCE IN
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INTERNAL AFFAIRS, ETC.

4. WHEN AMBASSADOR NOTED CONTINUING INTEREST OF U.S. LEGISLATORS TO VISIT ROMANIA, HE SAID THEY WERE WELCOME. IN FACT GOR HAD PLANNED TO RECEIVE FAR MORE THAN CAME IN 1977. AMBASSADOR NOTED CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN WITH ENERGY AND OTHER VITAL MATTERS HAD FORCED POST-

PONEMENT UNTIL 1978 OF CERTAIN PLANS FOR ROMANIAN VISIT
BUT OTHERS WERE MAINTAINED.

5. GIOSAN SAID THAT BROUGHT HIM TO QUESTION OF VISIT
FROM U.S. CONGRESS PERSONS NOW IN BELGRADE. THEY WOULD
BE WELCOME, IF THEY WISHED TO COME IN DECEMBER, ANYTIME
AFTER THE DECEMBER 7-9 NATIONAL PARTY CONGRESS
WHICH WOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
HOLIDAYS. WHILE U.S. CONGRESSMEN WHO VISITED
ROMANIA LEFT WITH FULLER APPRECIATION OF HER REALITIES,
THROUGH HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS AND VISITS OUTSIDE CAPITAL,
ROLE OF GNA IN CONTINUING CONGRESSIONAL DIALOGUE SHOULD
NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED AND HE HOPED TWO-WAY EXCHANGE
OF PARLIAMENTARIANS COULD CONTINUE. AMBASSADOR SAID
HE HAD VISITED SEVERAL U.S. CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS BEFORE
DEPARTURE AND THEY FULLY SHARED THIS SENTIMENT. THEY
HAD ASKED AMBASSADOR TO KEEP IN MIND CONGRESSIONAL
RESTRICTIONS ON NUMBER OF FULL PROTOCOL EXCHANGES
BETWEEN U.S. CONGRESS AND OTHER LEGISLATURES BUT THEY
WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE ROMANIAN COLLEAGUES WHO
VISITED U.S. UNDER DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUSPICES.

6. AMBASSADOR SAID HE HOPED TO VISIT ALL REGIONS OF
ROMANIA AND TO VIEW NOT ONLY INDUSTRIAL BUT ESPECIALLY
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. GIOSAN NOTED HIS OWN SPECIAL
INTEREST IN LATTER AND PLEDGED FULL SUPPORT.
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